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Republican Caucus

A republican county convention.

A republican county convention will be held in the court house in the village of ithea, on Saturday, December 28th, 1806, at H of clock in the forenoon for the purpose of electing eleven delegates to the rieventh district consensation when called, and for the purpose of electing eleven delegates and alternates to the national convention when called, and for the purpose of electing eleven delegates at large to the national convention, when called, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it. The several townships and wards will be entitled to the following number of delegates.

Mr. Grosvenor. It seems to be the wish of Michigan's leading men that Mr. Grosvenor should be given the presidency, but what the outcome will be the 7th of January will tell.

Additional Local

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Diaries for 1896 at L. H. Hayt's, 42-4

Fine display of holiday goods at Mahan's.

be entitled to the fo	dowing number of de
gates:	
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Bethany 4	North Star
Emerson 4	
Elba 5	Pine River
Fuiton	Seville
Hamilton 3	Sumner
Ithaca 9	Washington,
Lafayette 4	Wheeler.
Newark	
	rge
First Ward	Third Ward
Second Ward 1	Fourth Ward
GEORGE A. HAPER,	C. W. MARTIN
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The Republican Convention.

history, the republican party is to hold a national convention in a School for Nurses, has gone to Canada southern state. Missouri is really to spend the holidays. a western and not a southern state, but in a social and partisan sense—it was a slave state, and it has been it will not social and partisan sense. democratic for many years, like the other states in which slavery existed —it has been classed with the south, and it will pay you to go a good many miles to buy your groceries and Christmas goods of L. H. Hayt. 42.4t

Special Sale of dress good of Date. publican national conventions along purchasers. to this time, except that of 1864, which met in Baltimore, were held in the north. The first national conception of the party that of 1855. vention of the party, that of 1856, A letter received from Ray Turck, in met in Philadelphia, as also did that New York City, ordering a change in of 1872; those of 1860, 1868, 1880, his address, closes with the words: 1884 and 1888 were held in Chicago; "Everything howling." that of 1876 met in Cincinnati, and that of 1892 in Minneapolis. The selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican nameting place for a republican name in the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of a southern state for a meeting place for a republican name is selected by the selection of the selectio tional convention means more now than it did in 1864. The convention pended operations, and has an accuma-of that year, held in Baltimore, was lated arrearages of about \$2,000. This tional convention means more now called a Union convention and not is the institution that proposed to force The call was addressed to those who "desire the unconditional maintenance of the Union, the supremacy of the Constitution, and the complete suppression of the existing rebellion," and the first resolution of the platform declared that "laying aside platform declared that "laying aside all differences of political opinions," Our former citizen, Bert Van Denstrictly a republican convention. all differences of political opinions, Our former citizen, Bert Van Den-we pledge ourselve as Union men, Berg, is here for the purpose of closing animated by a common sentiment, out the stock. aiming at a common object, to do everything in our power to aid the government," etc. The object of holding the convention in Baltimore was to strengthen the Union cause in the border states, then an object of great interest to the government. Many war democrats took part in the convention, and were expected to yote for the ticket, which had a war vote for the ticket, which had a war reflected much credit on their instructdemocrat on it for the second office, or. although, of course, most of those in the convention, and who supported the ticket, were republicans.

The selection of St. Louis as the place of holding the convention of makes for the coming year. Not only 1896, has a profound and lasting will some of the most delightful storysignificance. It is a recognition of many of the most eminent statesman, the fact made plain by the recent jurists and scientists of the world. No elections that the geographical line erected by Texas annexation, and made hard and fast by the Kansas conflict, has dropped out of politics. The republican party, forced by the issue which brought it into being, and by the convulsion which that issue accordance to be a sectional organ. Indians." issue caused, to be a sectional organization for nearly forty years, has now broadened and developed into national proportions. All the votes received by the first republican Nelson A. Miles gives reminiscences of his army days, and Andrew Carnegie recalls his earliest struggles in certain speaker, and all the ballots cast in the electoral college for the first republican president, were from the free states, and, practically speaking, from these states has come all the the strength of the republican party eyer since until 1894 and 1894, except in the temporary and artificial conditions of the reconstruction period. But now Mason and Dixon's line, and the parallels of 36-30 have ceased to be political boundaries, and have fibecome mere geographical designations. The solid south no longer exists. Freed from obstructions by which its power was restricted, the republican party has crossed into a new field, and has started out on larger and grander conquests than it has yet achieved.

From the present outlook regard-ing the available material for the are a trifle in the lead of other competitors. A great many seem to favor Mr. Grosvenor's candidacy over Mr. Willetts, for the reason that Mr. Grosvenor is in the prime that Mr. Grosvenor is in the prime that Mr. Grosvenor is in the prime to the favor of the reason that Mr. Grosvenor is in the prime to the favor of the favor o hat Mr. Grosvenor is in the prime nd vigor of manhood, while Mr. Villetts is approaching the seventy

mark; then again, Mr. Grosvenor possesses the practical knowledge, gleaned in a hard school, which Mr. Willetts is not possessed of. It is the aim of the Agricultural College to make it what its name implies, to the exclusion of many other studies; in Mr. Greeners the contract of the c in Mr. Grosvenor, there seems to be Ithsca a combination of everything that St. Louis would go to make up a successful president, to discharge the duties which the college wants to attain. Of all the aspirants to this position Grosvenor is, without doubt, the best fitted, as testimonials from about The republicans of the Township of Areada will meet in caucus at Firemen's Had, on saturday, December 2, at two o clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention to be held at ithere, December 25.

By Onder Cox.

By Onder Cox. vince the board that there is another as strong a candidate before them as Republican County Convention. Mr. Grosvenor. It seems to be the

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